

**STEGANOGRAPHIC MESSAGING THROUGH IMAGERY****Abstract**

5       Imagery is steganographically encoded with message data to serve a variety of purposes. For example, a photograph can be embedded with a message that identifies a corresponding record in a database, where the database record details information relating to the photograph (e.g., the photographer's name or address). Photocollages can be formed of plural photographic images, each encoded with a different steganographic message. Medical imagery can be embedded with steganographic messages, e.g., to aid in authentication of the  
10      images.

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